GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:72
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2001
TELEPHONE CABLES
RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have achieved the target fixed for laying of telephone cables in the country during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 72 FOR 26TH FEBRUARY, 2001 REGARDING TELEPHONE CABLES.

(a) to (c): The targets for laying of Telephone Cables (Copper Cables) for BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) was fixed at 490 LCKM (Lakh Conductor Kilometre) for the year 2000-2001.Out of this 263 LCKM of cable has been laid from 1/4/2000 to 31/12/2000. BSNL is expecting to achieve the said targets by 31/3/2001.

The targets for laying of Telephone Cables (Copper Cables) for MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited) was fixed at 29 LCKM for the year 2000-2001. Out of this 21 LCKM of cable has been laid till January, 2001 end.While the target for Delhi (13 LCKM) is likely to be met, there is likely to be slippage in meeting the target in Mumbai (16 LCKM) due to problem in getting appropriate permission from Mumbai Municipal Corporation. However, efforts are being made to sort out the issue.